

Curtis Gets a Year in the Pen And Fine of \$1,000 in Hoax

Flemington, N. J., July 11.—A penalty of one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 was imposed today on John Hughes Curtis for obstructing justice in the Lindbergh baby kidnaping.

Immediate steps were taken to appeal the case.

Curtis started stolidly as the sentence was pronounced. Then he went back to his jail cell, while his lawyer in Norfolk, Va., announced friends were raising funds in his behalf.

Lloyd Fisher, Curtis' lawyer here, said he would get in touch with Norfolk friends and try to arrange bail, fixed at \$10,000, in a day or two.

W. C. Pender, the Norfolk lawyer, said funds being raised there would be used either to pay the fine—in case an attempt to get the prison sentence suspended is successful—or to pay for an appeal. Printing the voluminous record for an appeal probably would cost between \$1,000 and \$1,200, he said.

Strangely, the real truth about whether or not the boat builder actually was in contact with the desperate band of kidnapers he described to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh never has been established.

Technically, the jury decided he did have such contact, since the court instructed them they must find so in order to convict.

In a heated argument preceding imposition of the sentence, which Fisher sought to block by asking an arrest of judgment, the lawyer proclaimed loudly that his client never knew the kidnapers.

"He was just a man with wild dreams about boats and things," he shouted to the bench.

But Curtis, despite the hoax confession he typed before his arrest in May, announced after he was sentenced:

"I believe the information I gave the New Jersey authorities will prove valuable if they wait act upon it."

For the second time since beginning of the trial, reference was made to a mysterious person believed to be in touch with the kidnapers.

"The best lead in the Lindbergh case is in a man held in an army cantonment," Fisher announced, during the course of an argument for a new trial, after the sentence. His motion was denied.

It was recalled that Frank J. Wilson, internal revenue agent, testified at the trial he had interviewed a man on Curtis' information in connection with the kidnaping, but declined to tell his name.

He said the man was thought to be "in touch with the guilty persons." Rather than disclose the name of this man, the prosecution permitted the testimony to be struck from the record.

"I started my trips innocently," insisted Curtis, before he returned to his cell, "and with a desire to help my fellow man. I shall think twice before I do it again."

If this appeal fails, Curtis will serve the sentence in the state prison at Trenton. He could have remained in jail here had the sentence been less than six months.

After the sentence, the judge signed a certificate of reasonable doubt permitting Curtis to be released on bail pending appeal.

Hollywood, Fla.—The conviction of John Hughes Curtis on a charge of obstructing justice in the Lindbergh kidnaping hoax "disgraced" Rev. H. Dobson Peacock, Norfolk pastor, who assisted Curtis in his "negotiations."

The minister discussed the case on arriving here for a meeting of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Association of which he is chaplain. Dobson-Peacock insisted that Curtis contacted someone, but admitted he had no way of knowing whether they were the kidnapers.

"I am out of the case and I was disgusted by the conviction of Curtis," the dean declared. "Guy H. Burrage (retired read admiral who, with the minister, assisted Curtis) and I acted on written authority and in perfect faith. I believe Curtis contacted someone, but whether they were the real kidnapers, I do not know."

"I am sick and tired of all the racket caused by this. Burrage and I were invited by Curtis to help him. I will make a statement to the highway association tomorrow night, but it probably will not contain anything that has not been said."

Dobson-Peacock revealed that he had been well-acquainted with members of the family of the late Dwight W. Morrow, father of Mrs. Lindbergh, when Morrow was ambassador to Mexico and the dean was rector of Christ Cathedral at Mexico City. The three Morrow girls sang in the Christ Cathedral

THREE LEADING THIRD PARTIES ENTERING FIELD

The Prohibition, The Liberal and The Independent Factions Bid For Votes; All Are Organized Now; Prohibition Group Appears To Be Most Popular With Major Party Dissenters

Washington, July 11.—Almost numberless "third parties" again this presidential-election year beckon to the dissenters from orthodox tickets and platforms.

To millions of voters, of course, November offers just a choice between Hoover and Roosevelt, but there remain the aspiring organizers of new groups with their wide assortment of ideas and candidates.

Backers of at least three of these minority movements hope they can play a role comparable to Theodore Roosevelt's "Bull Moose" party of 1912 or to Bob LaFollette's Progressive sorters of 1924.

They are:

The prohibition party, representing one wing of the country's dry sentiment; the "liberty party," grouping the more radical independents of the central and western agricultural zone; and the league for independent political action, based largely on the strength of political reformers in the east.

The Democratic and Republican conventions took the headlines and national attention, but before, during and after the major party activity, these three and others met to prepare for the November battle.

First of the minority groups in national attention up to now has been the prohibition party. This group, which existed even before the turn of the century, blossomed into new life at Indianapolis last week because of the wet trend in the platforms of both major parties.

To record a resounding anti-wet protest, it sought the leadership of Senator Borah, of Idaho, and the support of the big dry organizations.

Neither materialized immediately, so the party offers as its presidential candidate William D. Upshaw, ex-representative and dry lecturer from Georgia. He is willing and anxious to quit the saddle the moment Borah or another national figure agrees to take the leadership.

Two other groups aspiring to independent leadership pitch their platforms on economic grounds, both left-wing, liberal or radical, depending on the point of view.

The liberty party, claiming to be a fusion of farmer-labor, progressive and socialist parties, the monetary league and the farmers' union, put forward in Kansas City July 4 a ticket headed by Frank Elbridge Webb, of California, the farmer-labor candidate of 1928. He received just 6,390 votes four years ago. Jacob S. Coxey, W. H. "Coin" Harvey, and such men are leading figures in the party's activity.

The farmer-labor party executive committee, though in an Omaha meeting yesterday disapproved the action of the "liberals," rejecting Webb's nomination and selecting Coxey. So the "liberal" party's "fusion" did not fuse so well.

Third of the big "third parties," the league for independent political action held its convention in Cleveland this week end. Brain-child of John Dewey, New York philosopher and constant champion of better conditions for labor, public control of utilities, international leveling of tariff walls, civil liberty, disarmament and such causes, the movement centered on a definite platform.

Besides these three groups and their components, the communist workers party offers again William Z. Foster, recipient of nearly 50,000 votes in the election which made Herbert Hoover President. The socialist-labor party puts forward Varnie L. Reynolds, one-time steamfitter, who through various minority parties in 1928 received 21,603 votes from 19 states.

Our Colored Team

Madison Quicksteps, colored baseball team, went down in defeat at Greensboro when it faced the Greensboro Textile Giants, the score being 7 to 2. Monday the Greensboro Hawks came over and locked horns with the Quicksteps, but the locals won 6 to 3. Lefty Martin, Madison prize colored south paw, was on the firing line in both games. On the 2d the Quicksteps went over to High Point and lost to that team 7 to 3. So far our colored team has only lost two games this season, which is a fine record, considering the strong teams that they have faced.

A Son

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White of Los Angeles, Calif., at the home of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown, in Madison, Tuesday morning, a son, R. E., Jr.

Pilot Baptists To Meet At City View

The annual sessions of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association will be held with the City View Baptist Church, east of Winston-Salem, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19 and 20. Rev. Fred N. Day will preside as moderator.

The first session will open with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. Haislip and the association will then organize and elect officers for the session. Dr. J. R. Jester will present the report of the executive committee of which he is chairman. Mrs. J. J. Roddick, who for many years has been associational leader for woman's work, will present the report of her department, and Rev. D. H. Wilcox will read the report of the promotion committee's activities. Rev. N. C. Teague, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, will preach the introductory sermon.

At the afternoon session Dr. Jester and Rev. J. F. Manuel will discuss state missions and the co-operative program. Rev. C. S. Rogers and Rev. Jennings Johnson will discuss home missions. This will be followed by miscellaneous business.

The evening session will be featured by a presentation of the B. Y. P. U. report by Rev. C. E. Baker, and Rev. D. H. Wilcox, and a discussion of temperance by Rev. D. S. Dempsey and M. F. Ioe.

The second morning's session will find the delegates listening to a presentation of the orphanage report by Rev. T. C. Keaton and Rev. P. E. White; the greetings from colleges by their representatives; addresses on Christian education by Rev. J. S. Ammons and Rev. S. L. Nall; report from the Baptist Hospital by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, the superintendent, and Rev. O. E. Ward.

At the afternoon session Dr. S. H. Templeman and Rev. S. F. Morton will present the Sunday school work. Rev. B. K. Mason and Rev. G. C. Duncan will speak on periodicals. Ministerial relief will be presented by Rev. J. C. Gillespie and Rev. B. Townsend. Memorials will be read for deceased members of the association.

STOKESDALE

Miss Grayce Honeycutt of Thomasville is spending some time visiting Mrs. J. H. White.

The revival meeting at the Christian Church is in progress now. Services are held every evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young and Harvey Young visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Young of Winston-Salem Sunday.

Lindsay Stivers of Salisbury was in town Sunday.

Miss Allene Dillon of Havertown, Penn., is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Ed Coley.

Godfrey Martin of Mayodan visited Miss Mary Henry McCorrie Saturday.

Miss Martha Neal of Walnut Cove is spending some time with her grandfather, Dr. P. L. Lemons.

Mrs. Knight and D. P. Lemons motored to Greensboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Bessie Goodman, beloved citizen of this place, passed away at the great beyond Monday night at 12:15. She was buried in the Goshen cemetery Tuesday evening at 2 o'clock. Her husband preceded her in death two years ago.

The Ladies' Aid of Gideon Grove M. P. Church met with Mrs. John Smith Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting was called in usual order. After the business of the meeting a program was rendered in very good form. The meeting adjourned to meet in August with Mrs. A. L. Lemons.

Teddy Duggins of Mayodan visited friends here Saturday.

Misses Annie Lee and Pauline Pegram of Guilford College are visiting Miss Mary Henry McCorrie.

B. F. Sink of Lexington was in town Thursday.

D. P. Lemons and daughters, Maurine and Virginia, visited in Walnut Cove Sunday.

TRUITT-SIMPSON

Popular Young People Plight Troth in Martinsville; The Vows Spoken June 22; Will Reside in Rockingham

Two of Rockingham county's most prominent families were joined in marriage at Martinsville, Va., June 22, when Miss Anne Truitt became the bride of Robert Simpson. The officiating minister was Rev. C. M. Wyles, pastor of the First Christian Church of Martinsville.

The bride, who is a stately blonde, was attractively attired in blue mingtoy crepe with accessories to match. She wore a large size sweetheart corsage.

Miss Simpson was educated at E. L. Hays high school and Elon College. She is the daughter of B. Lee Truitt and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson Truitt, and a sister of Rev. John C. Truitt, of Norfolk, Va., who is one of the most prominent ministers in the Christian denomination. She majored in instrumental music and voice at Elon and has since taught music and voice in some of the State's best known high schools.

Mr. Simpson was educated at Guilford College, is the son of the late Patrick H. Simpson and Mrs. Frances Whiteheart Simpson, and is a successful merchant, banker and farmer. He is the son of the late Mr. Simpson, one of the organizers and first president of the Stokesdale Commercial Bank, as well as a member of the General Assembly of Rockingham county a number of times. His son has also been president of the Stokesdale bank. Mr. Simpson is a nephew of Eugene Simpson, of the Wachovia Bank, Winston-Salem.

Since their return from a honeymoon spent in Virginia and Western North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have been the recipients of a number of social courtesies. They are now at home on Mr. Simpson's farm near Summerfield.

Only Best Cows Pay Their Way

The North Carolina dairyman making money on his herd at this time is the person who knows how to feed, how to cull low-producing cows and how to raise the best calves from the highest-producing animals. The best way to find out about these things is to have a cow testing or herd improvement association in the community.

Fred M. Haig, in charge of the State College dairy herd, gives five sound reasons why dairy farmers should associate themselves into such an organization. First, he says, a cow testing association takes the emphasis out of dairying and puts the emphasis on a business basis. Nothing will point out the low producing cows more quickly or accurately than a pair of scales and a Babcock tester. Second, by knowing what each individual cow is producing, the dairyman can cull out his unprofitable or boarder cows. A few boarders can soon place a herd in the loss column. Third, yearly figures will show from which cows to save calves so as to build up a high-producing herd. Fourth, members of an association receive benefits from buying and selling collectively. Fifth, the aid of the official tester will help the dairyman to feed his cows more economically and to cut down overhead expenses.

For three years, Prof. Haig was tester for a herd improvement association which was composed of 24 dairymen owning 600 cows. During that time the cows gained 24 per cent in their production of milk and 32 per cent in production of butterfat. The profit above cost of feed was \$97.52 greater per cow in the third year than it was in the first year. This increase was secured despite an increase in feed prices at that time.

Mr. Haig says the small cost to each dairymen in such an association makes the investment well worth while from the standpoint of money returns alone.

Critically Ill

As we go to press we are pained to learn that the condition of R. P. Webster is regarded as being critical, with but very little hope held for his recovery. It will be recalled that several months ago he slipped on a banana peel and fell, breaking his hip. For many months he wore a plaster cast, which was removed only a few days ago. Pretty soon after its removal he was stricken with pneumonia. However he rallied and only yesterday his condition was reported as being much better. Last night his heart went bad, and as above stated, his condition today is regarded as being critical.

Read The Messenger ads.

Edgar F. Rader Passed Saturday

Edgar F. Rader, who spent many months in Madison and who married a Mayodan lady, Miss Minnie Spencer, died in a Statesville hospital Saturday morning from an attack of Bright's disease and heart trouble. Mr. Rader had spent several weeks in the hospital but had so improved that he went to his home in Newton. The improvement, however, was of short duration, and he was taken back a few days ago, and soon succumbed. It will be recalled that he constructed Madison's streets and during his stay here he made many warm and lasting friends, who regret his departure—just in the prime of life, being 33. Besides the widow he leaves a 3-year-old daughter; his mother, Mrs. W. F. Rader; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Fesperman, of Lincoln, and Mrs. Ray Hoover, of Thomasville; three brothers, Holland, Andrew, and Blie Rader, of Newton.

The funeral services were conducted from the Newton Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and a large number of relatives and friends was present. Those attending from Madison were J. O. Ragsdale, Sr., Ed Jones, J. A. Ragsdale, Jr., V. H. Idol, R. A. Cardwell, B. R. Apple, A. W. Daniel, C. G. Moore and Ralph Chilton.

Revival At Pine Hall This Week

Rev. Henry Willis began a revival at Pine Hall Presbyterian Church Monday, which will continue through Sunday night. We learn that much interest is already being manifested in this series of meetings.

HIGH LIGHTS IN THE REYNOLDS CASE

The Associated Press gives the following high lights in the Reynolds tragedy:

Tobacco

Tobacco, a king crop of North Carolina, starts the story. Its leaves, rolled into billions of cigarettes, turned by the alchemy of advertising into a \$60,000,000 fortune.

\$15,000,000

The late R. J. Reynolds, who built the fortune, left \$15,000,000 in trust for his son, Squire Reynolds. "A curse" the youth's widow called it yesterday.

Smith Reynolds

A millionaire from bovyhood, 20, when he died, a strange youth who scorned formal education, loved aviation, and threatened often to kill himself.

Elizabeth (Libby) Holman

Dark-haired, deep-throated blues-singer, student of law and literature. An operation made her voice a strange contralto. She sang "Moonin' Low" and became a Broadway sensation. She is a widow at 26.

Reynolds

The boy millionaire's vast estate at Winston-Salem, seat of the tobacco empire. It has a private lake, boat house, numberless rooms, huge staff of servants. He took his bride there after a secret marriage.

The Party

Guests gathered Tuesday to celebrate the 21st birthday of C. G. Hill, friend of Reynolds. There was swimming, canoeing, drinking—"corn whiskey with near beer for chasers."

Ab Walker

Nineteen-year-old friend and secretary of Reynolds. He said Miss Holman threw her arms around him, crying "Smith does not love me."

The Shot

The sound of a shot early last Wednesday started Walker and other guests, including Blanche Yurka, statuesque Broadway actress of Ibsen and other roles. They found Reynolds dying on a sleeping porch.

The Hospital

A nurse said that while Reynolds was dying she found Walker and Miss Holman on the floor in another room, struggling to get up. Walker, denying Miss Holman was on the floor, said he was there because he had fainted.

The Widow's Explanation

She said Reynolds, worried over a physical deficiency, asked her to have affairs with others, threatened to kill himself. She came out of a 40-hour mental lapse to see a pistol in his hand, hear "that crash of the universe, everything falling around me."

The Widow's Father

Albert Holman, Cincinnati attorney, supporting his stricken daughter at the inquest. When she cried "Oh, such agony! Oh, God!" He said "Buck up. I can't bear it for you. I wish I could."

The Coroner's Jury

It reported Reynolds came to his death at the hands of "parties unknown."

A Two-Year-Old Heiress

Ann Cannon Reynolds, 2nd, daughter of Reynolds and his first wife, whose father is the world's largest toilet manufacturer. The wedding was in 1929, the divorce in 1931. The child, it is believed, will receive the \$15,000,000 although it has been testified Miss Holman is expecting a child.

STONEVILLE

H. L. Mitchell of High Point visited here Sunday.

Miss Lucile Patterson returned this week from a visit to relatives in Pilot Mountain.

Mesdames Omer Glenn and Walter Stone returned Tuesday from a visit to their parents in Swainsboro, Ga. They were accompanied here by their sister Miss May Giddings, who will spend some time in Stoneville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton of Sandy Ridge, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Glenn and Harvey, Jr., visited in High Point last week.

Mrs. W. L. Gravelly and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Ivie of Leaksville were guests of Miss Annie Smith Sunday.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. N. H. Lewis. After the business session there were several appropriate readings given and a solo rendered by Ray Lewis. A delicious ice course was served.

The Christian Missionary Society met Saturday at the home of Mrs. W. M. Carter.

Miss Frank Mitchell of High Point has been spending a few days with relatives.

Dr. O. R. Hodgin of Thomasville visited Dr. and Mrs. S. T. Hodgin Sunday.

Members of the Christian Endeavor Society, chaperoned by Mrs. Clarence Smith, returned Saturday from a camping trip at Angels mill.

Misses May McCabe, Ida Sue and Bee Tatum of Nettle Ridge, Va., were dinner guests of Mrs. R. B. Price Saturday.

Rev. J. M. Campbell is holding a series of meetings at the Methodist Church in Mayodan. Miss Florence King returned from Ridge Crest Saturday.

Miss Grace Grogan has returned from a visit to New York City.

Mrs. Paul Swanson of Pilot Mountain is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Grogan.

Mrs. J. A. Scales, Miss Fan Scales and Mrs. Fair made a recent visit to Charleston, S. C.

Miss Effie Lewellyn has been visiting in Reidsville.

Miss Minnie Foster of Winston-Salem visited in Stoneville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bondurant of Martinsville visited in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Barber of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart King, Mrs. E. L. Fulcher, and Miss Minnie Burton were recent guests of Mrs. Rufus Stone.

Mrs. J. A. Scales and Miss Fan Scales were recent visitors in Leaksville.

G. L. Smith of Leaksville was in town Saturday.

Miss Annie Smith has been quite ill, but is recuperating.

MAYODAN

Ruben Baugh left Monday for Baltimore.

W. D. Martin is at home for a few days from Washington, D. C.

V. E. Smith of Fancy Gap, Va., spent a short while in town Saturday.

Misses Era Vernon and Bessie Gray spent Sunday in Greensboro.

Mrs. K. V. Reid spent several days in Raleigh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Highfill and Mrs. Ruben Gann attended the funeral of E. F. Rader at Newcom Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Fuller of Philadelphia visited Mrs. K. V. Reid last week.

The Prize Winners

Babies winning in the recent popularity contest staged by the Parent-Teacher association, were Cornelia Kuykendall and Mark Roberts. The following merchants contributing gifts were Grogan's Grocery Store, Jones' 1c to \$5 Store, Penn Hardware & Furniture Co., D. W. Busick's Son, Madison Jewelry Co., A. & P. Store, Meador Supply Co., Ellington Drug Co., Piedmont Drug Co., Meador Cash and Carry Store, The McGeece Co., Bennett's Cash Store, City Grocery & Hardware Co., Pure Food Market, Purity Cafe, W. S. Eyerly & Co., Lee's Cash Store and Delatona Beauty Shoppe.

Baptist Church News

(O. E. Ward, Pastor)

Services for Sunday, July 17 are as follows: Sabbath school at 10 A. M.—Supt. J. C. Brown. Morning worship at 11. Subject: "What Think Ye of Christ." Evening services begin at 8. The pastor will have for his subject, "Devil's Platform." Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services.

Miss Estelle Taylor recently entertained at four tables of bridge in honor of her guests, Mrs. H. O. Barham and Mrs. Leon Cahill of Winston-Salem. The guests were received in the living room which was decorated with cut flowers, sweet peas, ferns, roses and nasturtiums. After four progressions it was found that Mrs. H. O. Barham held high score. She was presented a chiffon handkerchief. Mrs. Barham and Mrs. Cahill, the honorees, were each presented a pair of hose. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Frank King, served delicious homemade ice cream, cake and lemonade.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kelly have returned to Stoneville.

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